



# WISCONSIN MASTER LOGGER CERTIFICATION

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2017 GREEN TIER REPORT

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## PROGRAM STATUS

<b>Total Current Wisconsin Master Loggers .....</b>	<b>61</b>
New Applicants in 2017 .....	8
Complaints in 2017 .....	0
New Applicants Certified in 2017 .....	8
Reinstated .....	1
Recertification Audits in 2017.....	8

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- WDNR Green Tier status was renewed for another five years.
- Work to pursue potential benefits for Master Loggers through the WDNR continued in 2017. Potential incentives to professional loggers that work on forest lands could include:
  - Differential requirements for performance bonds.
  - Differential requirements for bid bonds.
  - Stumpage rate discounts for timber sales.
  - Contract extensions for timber sales.
  - Preferential consideration for awarding contracts
- Annual dues, Mauck Insurance Agency, Inc., and SFI grant funding are currently the only funding sources for the Master Logger Program.
- Improved working relationship with WDNR foresters.
- Secura Insurance offers a 20% discount to Master Loggers on liability insurance coverage.
- Washburn County offers payment incentives for Master Loggers by offering Master Loggers 30-day payment term.
- Marketing tool for private landowners. Gives them assurance of harvesting done to an accepted and recognized standard.
- Program has functioned as an arbitrator on complaints.
- WIMLC website for marketing, information, and outreach (wimlc.com) has recently been updated.
- Curt Wilson, Regional Forester, WDNR spoke at the annual Master Logger meeting in Green Bay in April, 2017.
- The Master Logger FSC® Chain of Custody (COC) Program is funded through agreements with several forest industry companies, specifically Biewer Lumber, Domtar, Expera Specialty Solutions, and Flambeau Papers which pay the Master Logger Program \$0.30/ton for every Master Logger FSC COC ton of wood delivered to one of their mills. There are currently 34 Master Loggers that are FSC COC certified.
- The Master Logger Program has been invited to participate in several meetings/committees:
  - Cooperating Forester Meeting
  - Governor’s Council on Forestry and its various subcommittees
  - Wisconsin SFI State Implementation Committee

## PROGRAM CHANGES/UPDATES

Complaints: No complaints were received during the reporting period.